## VAUDEVILLE DIPLOMAS OUT.

NED WAYBURN'S COLLEGE HAS ITS FIRST COMMENCEMENT.

All the Graduates Show What They Can Do in Three Shows a Day-Poems for the Fitting School and Full Fledged Acts for the Graduates-Pro pectu: Gems.

I said my Mother Hubbard was a lady Elizabeth in New Jersey, has red hair

If I wear a standing Denver Colorade
I wonder what will I over Delaware How I love that little gire o' mine

It takes me to my dear o' ! college days, And the campus down on Forty Fou-ou-ourth

-Lyrica Collegii Wayburniensis When Guff, the refined comedian, attired in a green plaid suit used to come on and ask his partner Stuff, who had an alarm clock as a watch charm and hammered a large nail into him instead of a suspender button, who the party wuz he seen him on the street with, and Stuff would answer. hitting Guff over the cheek with a newspaper, that that wuz no party, that wuz a pionic and he wanted him to distinckly inderstand that he loved his wife [music quel, nobody in the audience ever thought of asking whether the comedians were college men. But that was in the Long Ago. It is all changed now, for yesterday was commencement day at Ned Wayburn's Vaudeville College, 143 West Forty-fourth

All day long Prexy Wayburn was on the ob. Baccalaureate sermons and one thing and another took up so much of his time that he couldn't go in for much discussion of the college's plan and scope, and modesty may have forbade, anyway, but the college catalogue was there for him who might run and read. In an opening sentence that would make Henry James do a double flipflap it says:

Ned Wayburn, producing stage director, past master of stagecraft, and greatest living exponent of the Delsarte system of expression, the true seience of acting, who personally supervises every department of nstruction in the institution which bears his name, is accredited with more successful dramatic, musical, vaudeville and spectacular productions than any other theatrical producer of modern times, he having personally staged over 100 successful plays in the last ten years, which ran the dramatic peare, from negro minstrelsy Peare, from negro minstrelsy trough musical comedy to grand opera, and from vaudeville acts through roof garden entertainments to the largest spectacles

and pantomimes America has ever seen. Of unimpeachable integrity, and operating at all times with the highest standard of norality, his original methods, wonderful inventive faculty, marvellous mastery of detail, tremendous capacity for hard work. vast stores of nerve force and physical energy. ability and directed by a master mind, have established him a veritable genius standing alone at the head of his calling.

Then it goes on to sketch the hard time Prof. Wayburn had making good at first, but in spite of rebuffs and knocks from Fate, her hammer,

It is yet to be recorded, if any person ever approached Mr. Wayburn without being warmly received and sent away feeling the for having known him. Nor known that any one has ever written him a letter without receiving a prompt reply, no matter how busily occupied he may be from early morning until late at night with his mense interests.

"The force of a student," continues the catalogue, "depends upon his or her physique. \* \* \* The student who makes his or her feelings a part of his or her art has the advantage over the one who makes observations solely from the feelings of others. \* \* \* One of the best tests of an actor or actress is his or her capacity for listening. \* \* In the department of acting, as soon as a student enters a class he or she is given a part to learn in some good play. \* \* As soon as the different members of the class have memorized their respective parts, each student is required to recite his or her part as he

or she conceives it."
Why dub along? Vesta Victoria draws
-ber-\$3,900-a-week- Mazia-Drewler, \$1,500; Rose Stahl is getting rich; the plums are juicy and are there for the picking. So:

If you feel that you are endowed with undeveloped genius, i. e., possessed of dramatic instinct; the power of minicry; the faculty of story telling; have a sense of humor; are talented musically; can dance or think you ald learn to; or if you can do anything espe cially well to entertain an audience, it is your duty to yourself to take advantage of the opsortunities Ned Wayburn's Training School talents at a nominal cost.

Then pipe this sentence, balanced as neatly as ever a tramp juggler poised fifteen agar boxes, a billiard cue and a lighted

"As capital allied with intelligence in variably triumphs in political strife over labor shackled to stupidity, so do cultivated talent and practical knowledge win success on the stage over undeveloped genius and ignorance of stagecraft."

And there are courses in overything.

Dramatic and vaudeville stunts go without

saying, of course. But: In addition to these studies he will learn how to realize a manuscript, how to read it aloud, how to cast the parts and how to rehearse the players and their understudies. He will be taught the arrangement of scenery. w to "hang" it, how to "set" it, what the "leg drops," centre doors, plain wings, door wings, jogs, arches, check pieces, braces, Atc., are and the uses they are put to.

draperies, tormentors, wings, borders, drops, will also be instructed in the making and working of all stage effects, such as wind rain, thunder, breaking glass, falling buildings, snow, water, waves, clouds, cascades passing trains and carriages, horses' hoofs lightling, chimes, shots, &c.; how to dress interior scenes tastily and artistically with furniture, rugs, bric-a-brac, &c , and exterior ones with grass mats, plants, shrubbery, flowers, leaves, &c. He will be given rough insight into electric stage lighting. learning how to produce moonlight, sunset break of day, moving water, clouds, and other effects; how to make out "plots" for stage arpenters, property men, electricians at the switchboard, front operators, flymen, &c.

Thus much for the catalogue and the curricula. Yesterday was the first exhibi-tion day and there were three shows by the tion day and there were three shows by the three classes, the kindergarten, the dramatic and the vaudeville. From 11 o'clock in the morning, when Master Rheody Sirch, whose name will undoubtedly be in electric lights some day, recited "Winkin', Blinkin', and Nod"—that's the way the programme spelled it—to 11:30 last night, when the pupils of the vaudeville college ended the show with "The Futurity Winner," conceived and produced by Mr. Wayburn, there were doings.

The kindergarten recited almost the complete works of E. Field and J. W. Riley, the well known Western poets, and they went big, but the most engaging hit was made by Miss Irene Colline—Act 13. Miss Colline sang a charming ditty in-tituled

Collins sang a charming ditty in-titulled I'm Ned Wayburn's Star This Season."

The chorus went like this: I'm the only star that twinkles on Broadway.

I'm a public benefactress-

I'm a lady, I'm a nactress remember when Belasco saw me play He threw up his hands and fainted dead away.

Richard Mansfield's lost his reason.

I'M NED WAYBURN'S STAR THIS SEASON!

I'm the only star that winkles on Broadway. The morning show ended with the playing of the march "Our Juvenile Students," composed by Ned Wayburn and dedicated to the children of the kindergarten. Prof. Byrd Dougherty, who occupies the chair of differential and integral ragtime at the college, officiated at the plano. Between performances Prexy Wayburn was asked about the personnel of the faculty. "My

father," he said, "Delos Wayburn, is dean of the faculty. Prof. Dougherty has the stool, as it were, of music; Prof. John Emerson is head professor of terpsichorean art, and Prof. John Gros is professor emeritus of the same; Miss Zelda Bears—did you see her in "The Truth"?—has the chair of dramatics, and Miss Margaret Cox is Demosthenes professor of elecution, and she's thenes professor of election, and she's a wonder, too. And don't forget Prof. P. Mindil, who has the chair of inductive

The afternoon was given over to the The alternoon was given over to the dramatic students, who done noble, particularly Thomas Hayes, Carl Keller, Robert McCleod, William Hayes, Miss Phyllis Lee, Miss Janet Hopkins, Miss Belle Carleton, Miss Stella Singleton, Miss Relle Keefe, Miss Adelaide Mason and Leslie Powers.

But the avaning show, as in the post-

Miss Adelaide Mason and Leslie Powers.
But the evening show, as in the postgraduate days when college days are but a memory, was the most important. It showed what the college has done and was an earnest of what it will do. Leslie Powers, the soon to be well known singing comedian, led off, followed by Mario Gerard, the international chanteuse, which Prof. Mindil explained was the same as a cantatrice or a singeresserses; the Astaire children, Miss Burnley, Jeannette Mozar, Kathryn Schuyler, Bertha May Mann, Laura Estelle Ellis, the Marks boys and little Mabel O'Donnell, Rice and Weimers and Frank Farrell. They were all "perfectly fine and you'll hear from them some day, don't you think?"
During the afternoon and evening many

think?"
During the afternoon and evening many of those who have biffed the high spots in vaudeville dropped in to felicitate the students. Butthey, poor souls, had no college spirit. Just growed, Topsylike, into vaudeville, they had no alma mater to visit, so they thronged the classic shades of the Wayburn campile.

Wayburn campus.

While anybody who wants to make good can matriculate at the N.W.C.V. it is better to be able to pass the entrance examination.
Then the student gets advanced credit.
A sample set of questions follows:

1. Who first said: "While I am waiting vill do a little dance"? 2. Name Lillian Russell's husbands in order.

Why is Georgemochan? 4. In what year did McIntyre and Heath put on "The Georgia Minstrels?" When did the Russell brothers first say

'I thought I saw two dollars?' 6. If a man pays \$1 to see an average vaudeville show, how much is he stuck? 7. (a) How much is Ethel Levey's salary a week? (b) Why?

s. Why should the spirit of Valeska Suratt be proud? 9. (a) Name the waltz played to accom-

pany a juggling act; (b) dog circus; (c) flying rings.

10. Write a popular song containing the

following rhymes: "baby and lady;" "time and fine." "men" and "friend." Do not write on more than two sides of the

Next June, when the weather molly-coddles up a bit, the college will have its first field day. Track athletics, of course, The events scheduled are putting the 24-inch slapetick, hurling the bladder, standing and running broad grins and the six day buck and wing dance. In the meanday buck and wing dance. In the mean-time the second semester opens in a few weeks but, as the catalogue and programme and Prexy Wayburn and the faculty assert. STUDENTS MAY ENROLL NOW.

WOMAN THE KIDNAPPER?

Bellef That the Three Brown Children Were

Stolen by a Female PHILADELPHIA, April 13.-That the kidnapping of the three children of T. Wistar Brown at Ocean City, N. J., was done by a woman whose sympathies had been aroused by the alleged cruel treatment of the children by their eccentric father, is a theory that detectives are now working on in their efforts to find them.

When Mr. Brown was indicted through the efforts of Public Prosecutor Lewis Starr of Gloucester county, N. J., in December last, on a charge of having beaten his children for trifling offences and of having forced them to bathe in the ocean late in November, a woman attracted the attention of those who were interested in the case by making inquiries about Mr. Brown's treatment of them. She expressed indignation at the allegation that he had made them partake of shark pie and other extraordinary edibles and she openly de-clared him to be a "monster."

Those who then observed the woman believed her to be irrational. Her description, even to the clothing she wore, tallies with that of the woman who carried the tion is that of a woman 40 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, of dark complexion, sharp features, black eyes and a French accent. She was attired conspicuously because of a seal skin sacque and a black hat with a

large green veil attached.

The children are Margaret, aged 15;
Moses, 14, and William, 10. They were on
their way home from school at Ocean City
when the woman accosted them. Later

some fishermen saw a sail boat crossing to Atlantic City. They saw a woman whose face was concealed by a green veil and at the tiller, while seated forward were three What became of the quartet detectives are now trying to learn. Whether they are concealed near Atlantic City or have been brought to this city the detectives

are now trying to find out. SHIPBUILDERS' STRIKE ENDS.

Workmen Lose in Their Bitter Contest With the American Co. at Lorain, Ohio

CLEVELAND, April 13 .- The strike of the shipbuilders employed by the American Shipbuilding Company at its yards at Lorain will end on Monday morning. Heeding the appeals of their families, who are in want, and disappointed by their leaders' failure to obtain money for their relief, the strikers will return to work under the old conditions. This action will be a complete victory for

When the strikers went out their treasury was virtually depleted and they were only held in line by the promises of their leaders to get money from Kansas City. The return of the men to work will mean much to the

business on the Great Lakes.
The American Shipbuilding Company a week ago refused contracts for two big boats because it had determined to close down its yards if necessary to defeat the strikers. Now it is expected that it will accept new contracts and rush to completion the dozen vessels it had under construction

when the strike began.

The strike for a time threatened to become serious and only the presence of a company of the State militia prevented bloodshed. The company is still on guard at the armory

CHARGED WITH FORGERIES.

Philadelphian Accused of Larceny by Two New York Firms.

Ernest H. Belmont, 29 years old, of 714 Buttonwood street, Philadelphia, was brought to this city and locked up at Police Headquarters last night charged with grand larceny. According to the police there are about eleven complainants against

He is accused by John Flagg of Watson, Flagg & Co., 22 Thames street, of stealing \$1,000 from them by means of forged checks and padding the pay rolls. M. Michaels & Son of \$1 Murray street, dealers in confectioners' supplies, accuse Belmont of appropriating \$950 in the same way while employed by them. Belmont.

Taxation Screws Put on Standard Oil. HAMMOND, Ind., April 13 .- The taxing authorities of Lake county have declared war on the Standard Oil Company. The first shot was fired this week, when they placed on the assessment rolls eighty-one places of property in the centre of the city of Whiting belonging to the Standard Oil Company that have been escaping taxation for the last four years. Their next move

will be to place more Standard Oil holdings on the rolls, the value of which, they de-clare, will reach into the millions.

WOMAN'S PRESS CLUB ELECTS

CHOOSES A PRESIDENT AFTER A SLIGHT RUMPUS

And Then Selects Two Delegates to the Peace Congress-Madame Von Klenner Now Leads the Club, Although a Tie Vote Did Make Her Chances Look Poor.

The members of the Woman's Press Club met in an upper room of the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday afternoon for the purpose of electing a successor to Dr. F. A. Monell, who recently resigned the presidential chair. The upper room, being one of many and far from the elevators, could not be reached by the uninitiated without careful deliberation. This probably accounted for the presence of several self-constituted guides in the corridors.

"Press Club?" interrogated one. "That's the way," pointing vaguely to the right. 'Of course you're going to vote for Mrs. Helmuth."

When the meeting at length came to order and the preliminary business was disposed of an informal ballot was taken which resulted in thirty-one votes for Mrs. William Tod Helmuth, twenty-three for Mme. Von Klenner and thirteen for Mrs. Harriet Holt Dey. Mrs. Dey at once withdrew her name from the contest, and a formal ballot followed, each member coming solemnly forward as her name was pronounced and depositing her little slip of paper in the box with a dignity befitting the occasion and her spring hat.

After a long interval during which some one discounted gracefully on the world's progress, the tellers announced that there was a tie, each of the candidates having reveived thirty-six votes. There was no applause. In fact for nearly a second there was profound silence.

"We must vote again," said one. "It wouldn't be fair," said another. "A lot of the members have gone out and we specially told everybody that the polls

would close at 4. Then some one moved that Mme. von Klenner, who, as first vice-president was in the chair, be appointed to serve the re-

mainder of the unexpired term. "That can't be done," said some one else.
"It's unparliamentary, and besides the constitution savs--"The motion's out of order!" broke in a

Half a dozen women rose to their feet and the chair said "Ladies!" several times in tones of varying inflections. Finally a woman with a strong voice succeeded in getting the floor long enough to say that the wishes of the club were above all parliamentary law and that the club could elect or appoint or otherwise

obtain a president in any manner it chose, or not have a president at all.

This speech elicited some enthusiasm. which was, however, somewhat dampened when a tall woman in a faultlessly tailored suit and a Frenchy hat created a diversion

suit and a Frenchy hat created a diversion by standing in silence until size was recognized by the Chair. She then said in clear, well modulated tones, "I trust we are all law abiding citizens."

There was a murmur of assent.

"Very well, then," triumphantly, "our club has laws, and we should obey them. The constitution says—"

Here a woman, apparently greatly agitated, told the Chair in a stage whisper that she lived in Stamford, and that, having received a card from the club to the effect that the polls would be closed at 4 o'clock, she had arranged to take a train shortly after that hour. She thought the club ought to She thought the club ought to by that card and not vote any more

"Ridiculous! If people go away they must take the consequences."

"No; that's right—we did tell them to go!"

Miss Emelie M. Bullowa then made her way to the platform and said that she knew Mrs. Helmuth would like to have her knew Mrs. Helmuth would like to have her name withdrawn, as she had particularly said she would accept no election that was not unanimous. Excitement followed. Some said that such a thing couldn't be done in Mrs. Helmuth's absence, and others said it could. The Chair didn't seem to know herself but timidly remarked that Miss Bullowa was a lawyer and ought to know.

know Mrs. Linthicum and the Rev. Phoebe Hanaford told Miss Bullowa that they' thought so, too. Mrs. Helmuth's name was withdrawn, and Mine. Von Kleiner was

elected by a rising vote. The after scenes were stormy, abounding in protests and accusations of illegality and political tricks.

political tricks.

Several members went home almost in tears. The others quieted down and elected Mrs. Warren J. Higby and Miss Mary G. Hay as delegates to the peace congress.

WAR IN PHILADELPHIA GAS? Two New Companies Apply for Charters. Indicating Competition.

PHILADELPHIA, April 13.-By an application for charters for the Pocohontas Gas Company and the Sterling Gas and Light Company at Harrisburg to-day there came to light a great movement whose purpose, it is thought, is to wrest the public utilities of Philadelphia from the companies now holding them and to place them in control of a new group.

The two companies to be chartered ask the privilege of manufacturing gas and operating, leasing and subletting gas plants in Philadelphia, a monopoly now controlled by the United Gas Improvement Company. The companies are subsidiaries of the Pennsylvania Gas and Power Company of Delaware, incorporated with \$100,000 cap-

This company is a new public service corporation, which has for its purpose the construction and operation of gas plants, the purchase, construction and operation of electric tractions and railways and also of electric tractions and railways and also has the right under its charter to construct sewage plants and disposal stations and to manufacture and sell fertilizers. It was created especially to operate in Philadelphia, and the interests it menaces are the Philadelphia Electric Company, having monopoly of electric lighting, and the Philadelphia Rapid Transit, with its monopoly of street railways.

oly of street railways.

All these monopolies are bound up with powerful political interests. United Gas powerful political interests. United Gas improvement stock dropped 2½ points to 88½ when the news became known. Powerful New York and Philadelphia financial interests are in the deal. The board of directors of the holding company is given as follows: E. A. Corbin, Jr., president of the Continental Chemical Company of Philadelphia; John J. Kirby of New York, of Delahunty & Kirby, counsel in New York for the Bank of the Metropolis; Martin V. Bergen, Jr., identified with Wolf Bros. the brokers of Philadelpha who secured the charter for the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Tunnel Company; Emanuel C. Levy and Albert C. Levy of this city, who have connections with the Guggenheims of New York; Charles P. Kindred, for several years a political lieutenant of James P. MoNichol and who is now a Durham man. Late to-night mystery deepened about the scheme to break into Philadelphia is within Late to-night mystery deepened about the scheme to break into Philadelphia's public monopoly utilities when Wolf Bros., brokers and political financial backers, semi-boss Israel W. Durham, Senator James McNichol, Durham's colleague, denied all knowledge and interest in the project. As one of the

organization leaders said:
"We were burned financially and politically on gas once. We are not hunting any more trouble in the same direction."

The proportion of the same direction. any more trouble in the same direction."

The promoters to-night throw out the impression that New York interests were trying to break into the Philadelphia field.

Negro Servant Buried in Hernden Family

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 13 .- "Aunt Agnes" Harris, an aged colored servant of the late John C. Herndon, was buried in the Herndon family lot in Frankfort Cemetery to-day beside her mistress, in accordance with the directions of the will of Mr. Herndon.

They Were Charged With Graft in the Sale of Town Lots in Indian Territory.

WASHINGTON, April 13.- Two cases involving charges of graft against Tams Bixby, commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes in the Indian Territory, and Douglas W. Ross, supervising engineer in the reclamation service, were to-day disposed of by Secretary Garfield. Both officers were exonerated and a clean bill of health given them. Bixby was charged with regularities in connection with the sale of town lots in the Territory. Ross's integrity was attacked, it being alleged that he profited in connection with contracts made for the erection of irrigation works Montana.

Mr. Bixby has been in the Indian Teritory as the representative of the Interior Department since 1897. He has been under Department since 1897. He has been under fire for years, administration there having been subjected to investigation after in-vestigation. At the instance of the Presi-dent, William Dudley Foulke, special ad-ministration investigator, looked into the more recent charges. His report reflected on Mr. Bixby. After careful considera-tion of all the papers in the case Secretary Garfield announced that there was noth-Garfield announced that there was noth ing in the charges against Bixby that war-ranted action of any kind against him. In a statement issued concerning the charges made against Mr. Ross, Secretary Garfield said: "The charges against his

Garfield said: "The charges against his personal integrity were shown to be absolutely without foundation. The charges against his official conduct were submitted to a board of engineers, which found the charges to be entirely unwarranted."

F. C. Horn, consulting engineer of the Reclamation Service, who is engaged on the same project and was in a measure referred to in the same charges, is also exonerated by Secretary Garfield, the evidence showing no improper action on the part of Horn.

MAIL FOR PACIFIC PORTS.

Arrangements Made to Despatch It to Australla, New Zealand and the Islands

WASHINGTON, April 13 .- Direct mail conections with Australia and New Zealand having been suspended, owing to the failure Congress to make appropriations for the purpose, arrangements have been perfected to despatch mail to Australia. New Zealand and islands in the Pacific in other ways. Hereafter articles mailed in the United States destined for the Samoan Islands and the Fiji Islands will be despatched exclusively by steamers sailing every four weeks from Vancouver, B. C., for Honolulu, Suva, Brisbane and Sidney. Articles for Australia and New Zealand will be despatched via Vancouver and also via Great Britain.

The average time of transit to Austra-lia and New Zealand from Vancouver is about twenty-five days and thirty-three days respectively, and from New York via Great Britain about forty days and via Great Britain about forty days and fifty days respectively. Articles (except parcels) post packages) for Australia and New Zealand will be forwarded via Seattle and Vancouver, or via New York and Great Britain, according to which one of the two routes promises the most expeditious delivery at destination. Articles for the Colony of West Australia will continue to be despatched via Great Britain exdespatched via Great Britain exclusively as at present.

MAN AND WIFE DEAD BY GAS. Accidental, Very Likely, Says Coroner, but Some Things Puzzle Him.

John Perrault and his wife, Marie, were found dead in bed in their home in the Avon apartments, 1770 Madison avenue, yesterday afternoon. The sleeping room was filled with gas. Coroner Peter P Acritelli said that the deaths probably were accidental. He said he was puzzled by some of the attendant circumstances. An autopsy will be performed upon the bodies to-day.

Perrault was a Frenchman and formerly conducted a bookshop in this city. About two years ago he removed to Havana, where the business was continued. Perrault returned to this country six months ago and bought the saloon at the northwest corner of 116th street and Madison avenue. The price paid, according to the police, was \$10,000, and half as much again was spent in fixing it up -- Coroner Acritelli was told that Per-

rault lost money in his new venture.

Perrault did not come down to his work resterday morning, and shortly after noon his son Marcel went home to ascertain the cause. He called in Policemen Whitman and Hunt of the East 126th street station, who notified the Coroner. The son spoke little English and not much was learned

from him.

Both the dead persons were in their night clothes. One of the gas cocks was open wide. There were two burners.

The tip of one was found under the bed and the tip of one was found the bed and the tip of one was found the bed and the tip of one was found to be the tip of one was found to be the tip of one was found to be the tip of the tip the other on a table. Near by was an open novel. On the table was a bottle of chloroform partially used. Dr. M. S. Gabriel of 412 West Twenty-third street told the police that he had prescribed the drug for Mrs. Perrault several weeks ago.

Coroner Acritelli found out that \$3,000 insurance had been taken out on the furniture in the apartment. The place was only scantily furnished. Besides two beds, the only things in the rooms were a new carpet and several chairs. The Coroner carpet and several chairs. The Coroner also expressed surprise that the son, sleep-ing only a few yards from his father and mother's room, did not detect the odor

of gas when he arose in the morning. Perrault was last seen alive Friday r about 10 o'clock, when he retired, leaving the place in charge of his son, as was his custom. The father seemed in good spirits. Rene Benard, the bartender of the place, scoffed the suicide theory. He said Perrault was in good health. Business in the saloon had been brisk, he said, and as satisfactor, as sould be expected in a new factor. factory as could be expected in a new

A notice scribbled in pencil was placed upon the door of the café a short time after "House Closed. Family Dead." It read:
"House Closed. Family Dead." It was signed "J. P.," the initials of the dead man.

AN EASY MARK FROM NEBRASKA, Tells Policeman How He Was Separated

From His Money by Sharpers. Before leaving Jersey City for the West last night on the Pennsylvania, a young man describing himself as Harris P. Warren, 23 years old, of 1303 North Twenty-sixth street, Lincoln, Neb., asked Policeman McCarthy to please hunt up and arrest three young men who had fleeced him out

"They did it as easy as rolling off a log, he said. Warren explained the off a he said. Warren explained that he met a good looking stranger in Broadway late in the afternoon and went with him to a saloon in West Twenty-third street. No. 1 introduced him to a sprong roup with black. the afternoon and went with him to a saloon in West Twenty-third street No. 1 introduced him to a young man with black side whiskers and the pair volunteered to accompany him to Jersey City to see him off. Near the ferry house in Jersey City No. 1 and No. 2 hailed No. 3. a young man with a small black mustache, who said he was a policeman off duty.

The three pals walked a block to the First National Bank, Warren said, and began to match quarters in front of the bank building. Warren took a hand in the game, he said, and was so lucky that he bet No. 2 \$200 that he would win the next toss. He placed his roll in No. 1's hands as

toss. He placed his roll in No. 1's hands as stakeholder and No. 2 followed his example. The stakeholder disappeared around the corner and Nos. 2 and 3 went after him

BIG LUMBER MILL GONE.

Fire at Dalhousie Destroys \$200,000 Plant and Big Stock.

DALHOUSIE, N. B., April 13 .- During the night fire destroyed the Restigouche Woodworking Company's big mill, built last season at a cost of \$200,000. Considerable lumber near by was also destroyed.

Coming at the opening of operations, the fire strikes a heavy blow at the town.

W. S. Montgomery, manager of the mills, declares the place a total loss.

BIXBY AND ROSS EXONERATED. THIRD PARTY, SAYS HEARST.

HE'S AWAITING THE CALL OF THE INDEPENDENCE LEAGUE.

Has No Faith in the Mixed Politics of Republicans and Democrats-Sees Roosevelt Holding a Club in One Hand and a Contribution Box in the Other.

William R. Hearst celebrated the anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's birthday by calling for the organization of a third great national party which shall go before the country as the advocate of "honest measures, honest methods and honest men." In Mr. Hearst's opinion the Independence League will fill the bill.

His announcement of the broadening of he league from a State to a national organization, which was made at a dinner given last night in his honor at the Hotel Savoy by the league's county committee, amounted ractically to serving notice by Mr. Hearst that he would be in the running for the Presidential nomination in 1908. It was the most definite declaration on that subject that he has made since his defeat in the New York State campaign.

"From Massachusetts to California Independence League clubs are being formed and Independence League principles are eing advocated," said he.

Mr. Hearst said that it seemed to him that neither of the old parties is true to the

purposes for which it was founded.

"Neither of them," said he, "stands today for any particular principle. There
are trust Democrats and anti-trust Democrats; there are trust Republicans and
anti-trust Republicans; there are high
tariff Republicans and tariff reform Republicans and there are Democrats. publicans, and there are Democrats scattered all along the way from protection to free trade. Political battles to-day are not fought on the real issues of the day, and these issues will never be decided until some party is formed that will stand boldly for definite principles, that will collect within its ranks all those committed to those principles and that will rise or fall ac-cording to the verdict of the people on those

Hearst declared amid howls of ap-Mr. Hearst declared amid howls of approval from the 300 diners that the motto of the Democratic party is "anything to get in," and that of the Republican party "anything to stay in." The Democratic party is radical one year and reactionary the next. It accepts its defeat on a radical platform as an argument for conservatism and its defeat on a conservative platform as an argument for radicalism.

"And so," continued Mr. Hearst, "it oscillates between each extreme, without pride or prejudice without conscience or

pride or prejudice, without conscience or conviction. As we look into the distant future and down the endless corridors of time we can picture the inspiring spectacle of the Democratic party eternally zigzagging from one side to the other in a vain search for any kind of an opening to place and

Mr. Hearst described the Republican party as standing for popular rights in public and for special rights in private. "It asks campaign funds," said he, "from the public plunderers it professes to oppose, and then virtuously prosecutes those that do not pay." ("That's proved!" cried one of the faithful, mounting a table.)

Mr. Hearst went on:
"It denounces trust promoters and stock obbers as public enemies, and then secretly jobbers as public enemies, and then secretly invites them to outline its political policies and edit its public documents. Splendidly typical of this liberal policy stands the leading representative of the Republican party, with a big stick in one hand and a contribution box in the other." [Cries of "liar," "scoundrel," and laughter.]

It seemed to Mr. Hearst, therefore, that there is an opportunity for a new party. here is an opportunity for a new party ounded on the old undying principles of equal rights for all and special privileges

r none—"a new party that will adhere to ose principles, not only in alternate campaigns, but in every campaign and between campaigns; not only in public on parade, but in private in its inner council chambers." Mr. Hearst singled out as the chief object of his attack the Administration's management of the postal department.

"In 1904," said Mr. Hearst, "Mr. Perkins contributed \$50,000 of the money of widows and orphans to Mr. Cortelyou, campaign collector of the Republican party. In

paid back to Perkins the party debt with public funds. He awarded Perkins a con-tract for his steamship line which pays \$500,000 a year more than other steamship "This contract extends over ten years and will net Mr. Perkins \$5,000,000. Mr. Perkins has returned under the force of public exposure the \$50,000 which he appropriated from the widows and orphans But he is still ahead \$4,950,000 of the people's money. So it seems that Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Harriman are not the only practical men in this practical administration. Mr. Cortelyou and Mr. Perkins appear to be

about as practical as men can main at large."

Attorney-General Jackson took a fall out of Gov. Hughes's public utilities bill and Clarence J. Shearn talked on the Roosevelt-

Harriman episode.

Mr. Shearn referred to Mr. Harriman as
"the very head devil among the pirates of
corporation high finance," and said that
when the President commissioned Harriman
to raise a quarter of a million dollars it did Harriman episode. not need a surgical operation to get the idea into the head of the everyday citizen that those conditions "spell hypocrisy and humbug and mean secret corporation con-trol, no matter how loud the noise of a sham

Justice John Ford declared that few men of Mr. Hearst's years had ever accom-plished as much for popular rights in this country as he had. The Justice thought Mr. Hearst would hardly live to see "all the seed" that he has sown take root and gro w,

but it will grow just the same.

County Chairman Charles E. Gehring presided at the dinner. Among those present were District Attorney John B. Moran of Boston, who was down to speak but couldn't because of a sore throat: Justice Samuel Seabury, Judge Otto Rosalsky, State Treasurer Julius Hauser, State Comptroller Martin Glynn, State Engineer F. W. Skene, Arthur Brisbane, Henry Siegel, Nathan Straus, Charles Sullivan, Col. Alexander S. Bacon, Dr. John H. Girdner and Max F. Ihmsen. Max F. Ihmsen.

FOREIGN TRADE, \$2,517,964,882.

Imports for Nine Months Pass the Billion Dollar Mark and Exceed Exports.

WASHINGTON, April 13 .- An increase of \$260,507,699 in the foreign trade of the United States for the nine months ended March 31, compared with that of the like period last year, is shown by a bulletin issued to-day by the Bureau of Statistics. Of that increase \$152,504,814 is in imports and \$108,-002,881 in exports, the larger gain in imports cutting down the balance in trade in favor United States from \$430,346,993 year to \$385,845,060 for the period just ended. The total value of the imports for the nine months for the first time passed the billion dollar mark—\$1,066,059,911. The exports aggregated \$1,451,904,971 and the eign commerce for the period exceeded billions and a half, which is likewise

a new high water mark. The gold movements for the nine months show a gain to the United States of \$66,957,005 in stocks of the metal, the imports, which amounted to \$104,649,293, increasing \$60,-649,254 and the exports, which were \$20,801,-748, falling off \$6,307,751.

GUM CHEWERS POISONED.

Baby Boy Is Dead and His Little Sister Is in the Hospital.

Frank Bachmusky, two and one-half years old, is dead at his home, 8 Broome street, Newark, and his sister, Lena, aged f. was dying in the City Hospital last night. The children were taken sick yesterday afternoon while chewing pepsin gum. A doctor was called after some remedies had failed to relieve them, but he could not rally the boy. The girl was then hurried

to the hospital. The doctors could not say what had caused death, although the symptoms CAMMEYE 6th Ave., Cor. 20th St.

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on the Practice of Law WASHINGTON, April 13.-John W. Yerkes, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, has tendered his resignation to the President, who has accepted it with expressions of great regret. Yerkes resigns to enter the practice of the law in this city, having associated himself with a prominent legal

Secretary Cortelyou has made a recom mendation to the President for filling the vacancy, which has been approved, and an announcement will be made in the course of a few days. The President has written

the following letter to the Commissioner in accepting his resignation: MY DEAR MR. YERKES: I accept your resignation with very real regret. You have been the kind of public servant that it is a pleasure to have in public office. Your services have meant a pecuniary loss to yourself, but they have been of incalculable gain to the public. With all good wishes for you and yours, believe me, always your friend, THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Movements of Naval Vessels.

WASHINGTON, April 13 .- The cruiser Washington has arrived at Hampton Roads. the cruiser Tacoma at Santiago de Cuba, the tug Choctaw at Washington and the

ting the tug thoctaw at Washington and the tug Hercules at Charleston.

The cruiser Boston has sailed from Acajutla for Amapala, the cruiser Tennessee from League Island for Hampton Roads, the Potomac from Charleston for Norfolk, and the destroyers Whipple, Worden, Truxtun, Macdenough, Hull and Hopkins from Key West for Norfolk.

Only Four Out of \$00 Midshipmen Dis-

qualified WASHINGTON, April 13.-The Bureau of Navigation of the Navy Department has received the report of the annual physical examinations held at the Naval Academy. The showing is remarkable in that only four out of 500 midshipmen were reported as disqualified so as to require them to leave the Academy. leave the Academy.

Army and Navy Orders. WASHINGTON, April 13.-These army orders were

saued to-day: First Lieut. Junius C. Gregory. Assistant Surgeon, from transport service to Jefferson Barracks, relieving First Lieut. John R. Boster, Assistant Surgeon, who will proceed to Fort Casey, Washington. Capt. George M. Grimes, Thiftieth Infantry, from general hospital, Hot Springs, Ark., to his station. The retirement of First Lieut. Pressley K. Brice, artillery, is announced.

These navy orders were issued: Surgeon J. D. Gatewood, to Washington, Midshipman T. G. Ellison, from naval hospital, Vokohama, to the Rainbow.

Assemblyman Dowling Honored

A dinner was given last night to Assemblyman Edward C. Dowling, chairman of the Cities Committee of the lower house at Albany, at the Brooklyn Union League Club. About 250 Republicans turned out. The speakers were: Timothy L. Woodruff, Assemblyman James T. Rogers, Congress-man Charles T. Dunwell, Assemblyman James T. Smith and the Rev. J. F. Carson.

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KIRKMAN A MODEL PRISONER.

Sentence of a Former Army Captain t Be Commuted by the President. WASHINGTON. April 13 .- The President has decided to commute a part of the settence which Hugh Kirkman, formerly a Captain in the army, is now serving in Fort Leavenworth prison. He will accordingly

be released on June 27, which is four months before the expiration of his sentence. Kirkman was convicted of embezzling the funds of his compony while in the Philippines. He has learned a trade while it prison and has been a model inmate. Kirkman's brother. George W. Kirkmen, also a former Captain in the army, is serving a long term in Leavenworth, having beet convicted of immoral conduct and neglect of duty while stationed at Fort Niagara

New Assistant Attorney-General

WASHINGTON, April 13 .- The President has appointed William Wallace Brown of Pennsylvania to be Assistant Attorney General to defend suits before the Spanish Treaty Claims Commission, in pla Assistant Attorney-General W. F. who has resigned, to take effect on May 31.

Mr. Brown is now Auditor of the Treasury
for the Navy Department. No official statement is made as to whether Mr. Fuller's resignation was voluntary.

Mr. Brown's transfer to the Department of

Justice made a place for Ralph W. Tyler, the Ohio negro, whose appointment as Auditor for the Navy Department was announced this week.

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